

The Fort Gordon Retiree Newsletter



A Lifetime of Service, an Everlasting Legacy

EXCLUSIVE NEWS TODAY!!

KEEPING YOU INFORMED

Retiree Appreciation Day (RAD)

Due to the past government shut down. The RAD for FY26 has been officially canceled.

Your Retiree Council team has adjusted focus and is making preparations for the FY27 Retiree Appreciation Day!!

We look forward to seeing all Retirees at the next RAD!!

Fort Gordon Retiree Council

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Fort Gordon Retiree Ceremony 13 November 2025 Attendees

Lets give a **BIG** applause to the following Soldiers that attended the last Retiree Ceremony:

1SG BENJAMIN A. MCDONALD
CW4 KEVIN T. JONES
CW4 QUINTAVIOUS HURST
LTC CLAUDIA I. DANIEL
MSG LATOYA HOLMES
SFC PIERRE R. FANFAN
LTC HENRY CARTAGENA
COL WILLIAM LOVELL
SGM LAKIKA C. BALDWIN
SSG DAVID FORTIER



Community Partners



The Office of Personnel Management

Retirees who have been furloughed during a government shutdown can expect to return to work once the shutdown is over. The Office of Personnel Management (OPM) has set expectations for agencies to begin updating post-shutdown pay, leave, and benefits for federal employees. This includes providing retroactive pay for both furloughed and excepted federal employees. The OPM is committed to ensuring that retroactive pay is provided as soon as possible. The timing of employees receiving their back pay may vary depending on the payroll provider and the different pay schedules across the federal workforce.

Source: Federal News Newtork

Military Retirees can keep Blue ID

The Next Gen USIDs are more secure and are now the preferred ID Card for the USID populations: Retirees, Reservists, Family members, and other eligible individuals in accordance with DoD policy.

The following guidance applies to USID issuance and Teslin ID card replacement:

- Teslin ID cards that are expiring or requiring a change of information, will be replaced by a USID upon reissuance.
- Indefinite Teslin ID cards currently are not required to be replaced, but it is recommended that Site Security Managers (SSMs) and Verifying Officials (VOs) encourage these customers to upgrade to the USID if they observe them in possession of a Teslin card.
- Some customer populations may be hesitant to part with their Teslin ID card as their reason to not upgrade to USID.
- OMDC does not object to returning the Teslin card to the customer upon them receiving a USID, however, it is recommended to alter the Teslin (e.g. punch a hole in the corner of the card), so it cannot continue to be used for physical access.
- To date, there is no established "end of life" for Teslin cards, and all Teslin cards that are unexpired are still considered valid and should not be confiscated from the customer.



Additional information and requirements regarding Next Gen USIDs can be found at: <https://www.cac.mil/Next-Generation-Uniformed-Services-ID-Card/>

Community Activities

DECEMBER 1-5 & 8-12
ends at 11:59 p.m. each day for the daily prize package.

Enter to win!
10 days of Giveaways

Registration opens
December 1 at
tinyurl.com/mwr10days

Winners announced daily on our social media.

Trees for Troops

December 11 at 1pm
Near the Barton Field Parking Lot

DoD ID cardholders can pick up a tree on a first-come, first-serve basis. Each family is eligible to receive one tree. Please plan to lift and secure your own tree into your vehicle as volunteers will not be able to assist.

Christmas SPIRIT FOUNDATION MWR

ARMY COMMUNITY SERVICE
FINANCIAL READINESS PROGRAM

FINANCIAL LITERACY
Classes

OPEN TO ALL CAC AND ID CARD HOLDERS
All classes will be conducted via MS TEAMS
Registration deadline is two days before each event

Disabling Sickness or Condition
December 4* 9:30-11 AM
Join us to learn tips on how this can significantly impact a financial situation

Divorce and Finances - What is Your Plan of Action?
December 11* 9:30-11 AM
Discussion and Resources on this Significant Event

For more information or to reserve your seat,
please call ACS Financial Readiness at
706-791-3579

Taxing military retirement for Georgia

Georgia has implemented several changes to its military retirement tax exemption laws. Starting in 2025, the state will exempt up to \$20,000 of uniformed service retirement pay or survivor benefit pay from state taxes. This exemption will apply to all military retirees, regardless of age or additional income, and will be effective for the 2025 tax year. The exemption is limited to those with a federal adjusted gross income up to \$125,000 (or \$250,000 for joint filers).
[Georgia.gov](https://www.Georgia.gov)

In 2026, the exemption will increase to \$65,000 for military retired pay, and it will apply to all military retirees, including those classified as disabled or at least 62 years old at the end of the tax year. The exemption does not apply to USPHS or NOAA Corps retirees.
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The proposed bill to eliminate the limitations on military retirement income tax exemption will become effective on July 1, 2025, and will apply to all taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2026. This change will provide a complete tax exemption for all retirement benefits received from military service in the United States armed forces or reserve components.
Military Officers Association of America

Georgia's military retirement tax exemption laws are designed to provide significant financial relief to veterans, ensuring that more of their military retirement income stays in their pockets and can be used for personal expenses, investments, or savings.

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